



# TALK IT OVER

A FATHER'S SHADOW | PASTOR TROY STEIN

## KEY SCRIPTURES

**Psalms 17:8; 36:7; 57:1; 91:1**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. <sup>4</sup> But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me. <sup>6</sup> He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. <sup>7</sup> If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, <sup>8</sup> and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. <sup>9</sup> And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, <sup>10</sup> and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

**Jeremiah 18:1-10 (NIV)**

"Then break the jar while those who go with you are watching, <sup>11</sup> and say to them, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I will smash this nation and this city just as this potter's jar is smashed and cannot be repaired. They will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no more room.

<sup>15</sup> "This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: 'Listen! I am going to bring on this city and all the villages around it every disaster I pronounced against them, because they were stiff-necked and would not listen to my words.'"

**Jeremiah 19:10-11 & 15 NIV**

## START TALKING

Who has cast the biggest shadow in your life? How did living in their shadow affect you? (Please share)

## START THINKING

Pastor Troy said there are three sorts of people who can be in your shadow—some by choice, some by pure proximity, and some accidentally. Who are some people living in your shadow? How do you think your shadow affects them?

Read the verses to the left AND look up **Ephesians 3:20**. In your wildest dreams, what do you want to be remembered for?

What does your shadow say about your life right now? What steps can you take to ensure your shadow is healthy, good, and impactful? (Discuss)

## START PRAYING

Jesus, thank You for Your influence on us. No matter how good or bad our past experiences have been, we can find rest in Your shadow. Help us to extend this same comfort and security to the people in our lives and show them how good it is to follow You. In Your powerful Name, Amen.

## START DOING

The power of our shadow is not for status but for service. Prayerfully choose one way to serve someone this week.